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SERIAL NO: 10/539,571 :  
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FOR: VACUUM CONTAINER :  
APPARATUS USED FOR  
MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICES AND LID APPARATUS FOR  
SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.